

12th grade Vocabulary Words
Week 1

<p><u>acolyte</u> n. 1. a person who assists a clergyman in religious services, especially Roman Catholic. 2. a person who assists a clergyman in religious services, especially Roman Catholic.</p>	<p><u>obdurate</u> Adj. 1. unpersuadable through logic, pity, or sentiment; unyielding. 2. hardhearted or without remorse.</p>
<p><u>bibulous</u> adj. 1. addicted to alcohol; alcoholic. 2. very absorbent; spongy.</p>	<p><u>prescience</u> n. knowledge of future occurrences; foreknowledge.</p>
<p><u>coalesce</u> v. 1. to grow together or unite to form a single body or organization; unify; fuse. 2. To cause to unify.</p>	<p><u>protagonist</u> n. the leading character in a literary work.</p>
<p><u>covert</u> adj. 1. concealed or done in secret. 2. under shelter; covered.</p>	<p><u>sedulous</u> adj. steady and persistent in an action or duty; diligent.</p>
<p><u>declaim</u> v. 1. to speak in a formal manner; deliver a speech. 2. to denounce emphatically or dramatically in speech. 3. to speak or write for rhetorical impact, without logic or sincerity.</p>	<p><u>trenchant</u> adj. 1. incisive or penetrating, as perception or wit. 2. vigorous and effective, as an argument or policy. 3. well-defined; clear-cut.</p>
<p><u>delineate</u> v. 1. to represent by drawing; sketch out. 2. to describe or portray in precise or vivid detail.</p>	<p><u>utopia</u> n. an imagined or proposed place or society that is ideal, especially in its laws, ethics, and customs.</p>
<p><u>demagogue</u> n. a leader, especially a speaker or politician, who attempts to persuade and to gain a following by appealing to the emotions and prejudices of the public, rather than by rational argument.</p>	<p><u>valedictory</u> n. a farewell speech, especially a speech given on behalf of the graduating class of a college or school at commencement, usually by the student ranking highest academically.</p>
<p><u>encomium</u> n. a formal expression of praise.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 2

<p><u>absolve</u> v. to free from consequences, blame, or guilt.</p>	<p><u>hiatus</u> n. 1. a gap or break in activity, time, or space; interruption. 2. in anatomy, an opening or separation.</p>
<p><u>adumbrate</u> v. 1. to give an indistinct or sketchy outline of. 2. to give a vague sign or indication of ahead of time; foreshadow.</p>	<p><u>immure</u> v. 1. to confine within or as though within walls; shut in. 2. to build into or bury in a wall.</p>
<p><u>apothegm</u> n. short instructive saying; maxim; aphorism.</p>	<p><u>ineluctable</u> adj. impossible to be avoided; inescapable.</p>
<p><u>aspersion</u> n. 1. an insulting or malicious remark about someone; derogation; slander. 2. the act of sprinkling water, as holy water in baptism.</p>	<p><u>internecine</u> adj. 1. destructive to all involved; mutually fatal or ruinous. 2. of or pertaining to conflict, discord, or struggle within a group.</p>
<p><u>coadjutor</u> n. an assistant, especially the principal assistant of a bishop.</p>	<p><u>invoke</u> v. 1. to call out to (a god, muse, or the like) for help, support, protection, or inspiration. 2. to ask for earnestly, as in prayer; solicit. 3. to appeal or refer to as an authority, for support or justification. 4. to call forth or summon (a spirit) with an incantation; conjure.</p>
<p><u>congenital</u> adj. 1. existing from birth, but usually not hereditary. 2. in and of one's nature.</p>	<p><u>prototype</u> n. 1. an original model on which later stages or forms are based or developed. 2. that which provides an example, as by being the standard or worthy of emulation. 3. a primitive or prior form or species of biological organism; ancestor.</p>
<p><u>élan</u> n. 1. enthusiasm or vigor. 2. distinction; flair.</p>	<p><u>quadrennial</u> adj. 1. happening once every four years. 2. of or happening over a four-year period.</p>
<p><u>germane</u> adj. having relevance to a given matter; pertinent; significant.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 3

<p><u>amalgam</u></p> <p>n. 1. An alloy of mercury and other metals. 2. A mixture of different elements.</p>	<p><u>doyen</u></p> <p>n. 1. A senior member of a group, especially one who is highly respected. 2. The oldest example of a category. n. (doyenne) The female equivalent of doyen.</p>
<p><u>antediluvian</u></p> <p>adj. Very old or old-fashioned.</p>	<p><u>imbibe</u></p> <p>v. 1. To consume by drinking. 2. To absorb or take in mentally.</p>
<p><u>apothecary</u></p> <p>n. One who prepares and sells ointments, drugs, and similar items for medicinal purposes.</p>	<p><u>nostrum</u></p> <p>n. A medicine or remedy whose effectiveness has not been proven.</p>
<p><u>ascetic</u></p> <p>adj. Refraining from self-indulgence. n. A person who practices self-denial.</p>	<p><u>obviate</u></p> <p>v. To prevent or make unnecessary; to get rid of.</p>
<p><u>beneficent</u></p> <p>adj. Doing or producing good.</p>	<p><u>perennial</u></p> <p>adj. Lasting indefinitely or recurring. n. A plant that lives three or more years.</p>
<p><u>charlatan</u></p> <p>n. One who falsely claims knowledge or ability.</p>	<p><u>putative</u></p> <p>adj. Commonly accepted or supposed; assumed to exist.</p>
<p><u>denizen</u></p> <p>n. An inhabitant, resident, or frequenter of a place.</p>	<p><u>savant</u></p> <p>n. A person with detailed knowledge in a specialized field.</p>
<p><u>flora</u></p> <p>n. Plants considered as a group in a particular area or era.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 4

<p><u>approbation</u> n. An expression of approval; praise.</p>	<p><u>indigence</u> n. An extreme level of poverty. n. A person who is indigent. adj. Without means of support.</p>
<p><u>benighted</u> adj. Existing in a state of moral, cultural, or intellectual darkness; unenlightened.</p>	<p><u>laudable</u> adj. Praiseworthy.</p>
<p><u>bourgeois</u> n. The middle class or a member of the middle class. adj. 1. Very concerned with middle-class values, such as respectability and material well being, with an inclination toward mediocrity. 2. Reflecting mediocrity.</p>	<p><u>mandate</u> n. A clear command or instruction. v. To require or order.</p>
<p><u>credo</u> n. A strongly held belief; a guide to one's action.</p>	<p><u>ostensible</u> adj. Only seemingly so; apparent. adv. ostensibly.</p>
<p><u>empirical</u> adj. Based on experience or observation as opposed to theory; capable of being confirmed by observation.</p>	<p><u>recalcitrant</u> adj. Unwilling to accept another's authority; stubbornly defiant. n. recalcitrance.</p>
<p><u>eschew</u> v. To stay away from; to shun, especially on practical or moral grounds.</p>	<p><u>regurgitate</u> v. 1. To expel (partially digested food) from the stomach. 2. To repeat mindlessly what one has learned.</p>
<p><u>expatiate</u> v. To speak or write about in great detail; to elaborate, usually used with 'on' or 'upon'.</p>	<p><u>risible</u> adj. Provoking or causing laughter.</p>
<p><u>iconoclast</u> n. One who attacks established beliefs, customs, or institutions. adj. iconoclastic.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 5

<p><u>archaic</u> adj. Related or belonging to an earlier time.</p>	<p><u>microcosm</u> n. A small system that operates or develops like a larger system; a miniature world.</p>
<p><u>carouse</u> v. To take part in wild, noisy merrymaking.</p>	<p><u>paroxysm</u> n. A sudden, violent, and uncontrollable action or occurrence.</p>
<p><u>chicanery</u> n. Clever deception through the use of misleading or confusing words or acts.</p>	<p><u>pecuniary</u> adj. Having to do with money.</p>
<p><u>contentious</u> adj. Causing or marked by argument or conflict.</p>	<p><u>rectitude</u> n. High moral character.</p>
<p><u>dissemble</u> v. To conceal with an intent to deceive.</p>	<p><u>stragem</u> n. A clever scheme for gaining an end.</p>
<p><u>egregious</u> adj. Conspicuously bad; flagrant.</p>	<p><u>stultify</u> v. To render useless or ineffectual; to weaken.</p>
<p><u>execrate</u> v. To utterly abhor; to denounce as detestable. n. execration.</p>	<p><u>vendetta</u> n. A blood feud; a prolonged and bitter feud.</p>
<p><u>fealty</u> n. Faithfulness; allegiance.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 6

<p><u>actuate</u> v. 1. To cause to put into mechanical motion. 2. To cause to take action.</p>	<p><u>inebriated</u> adj. Deprived of good sense and judgement, especially the result of imbibing alcohol.</p>
<p><u>brackish</u> adj. 1. Made up of a mixture of fresh water and seawater.</p>	<p><u>insidious</u> adj. 1. Seemingly harmless while actually being dangerous; treacherous or deceptive. 2. Spreading harmfully in a subtle or gradual way.</p>
<p><u>cognitive</u> adj. Relating to mental processes such as awareness, remembering, and reasoning.</p>	<p><u>interloper</u> n. One who intrudes on or interferes in the affairs of others.</p>
<p><u>dissertation</u> n. A lengthy, usually written discussion of a topic, often for a college or university degree.</p>	<p><u>precursor</u> n. A person or thing that comes before and indicates the approach of another; a forerunner.</p>
<p><u>dolorous</u> adj. Causing or marked by pain, misery, or sorrow.</p>	<p><u>presentiment</u> n. A feeling that something is about to occur.</p>
<p><u>endemic</u> adj. Widespread or peculiar to a certain place or among a certain people.</p>	<p><u>ramification</u> n. An outgrowth of a simple idea or plan; a resulting development or consequence.</p>
<p><u>fecund</u> adj. 1. Producing or capable of producing many offspring. 2. Intellectually or artistically productive; creative.</p>	<p><u>torpor</u> n. A state of mental or physical sluggishness or inactivity.</p>
<p><u>genealogy</u> n. The history of a family and how its members are related to one another; also the study of such family histories.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 7

<p><u>abjure</u> v. To renounce or give up formally.</p>	<p><u>mélange</u> n. A mixture of dissimilar materials.</p>
<p><u>amorphous</u> adj. Without a definite shape, boundary, or character.</p>	<p><u>nefarious</u> adj. Very wicked.</p>
<p><u>animus</u> n. 1. An attitude or spirit within a person that strongly influences him or her. 2. Deep-seated ill will.</p>	<p><u>nihilism</u> n. A viewpoint that denies any meaning or value to life. adj. nihilistic.</p>
<p><u>dichotomy</u> n. Division into two distinct parts or groups.</p>	<p><u>ratify</u> v. To approve, confirm, or verify.</p>
<p><u>exemplar</u> n. An example or model, especially an ideal one. adj. exemplary.</p>	<p><u>subsume</u> v. To encompass in a larger or more comprehensive group; to include.</p>
<p><u>herculean</u> adj. Of extraordinary size, power, or difficulty.</p>	<p><u>variegated</u> adj. Varied as to form, type, or color.</p>
<p><u>inchoate</u> adj. Not fully formed or realized.</p>	<p><u>vitiate</u> v. To impair or weaken.</p>
<p><u>invidious</u> adj. Likely to cause resentment or animosity.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 8

<p><u>aborigine</u> n. An original inhabitant, especially one displaced by leader settlers.</p>	<p><u>mawkish</u> adj. 1. Excessively sentimental. 2. Having an unpleasant, sickly sweet taste.</p>
<p><u>abrogate</u> v. To put an end to; to abolish or repeal.</p>	<p><u>misapprehend</u> v. To fail to understand correctly. n. misapprehension.</p>
<p><u>appurtenance</u> n. An item of equipment; an accessory.</p>	<p><u>parochial</u> adj. 1. Limited or narrow in scope or outlook. 2. Of or related to a church parish.</p>
<p><u>bivouac</u> n. A temporary camp or shelter. v. To stay in such a camp.</p>	<p><u>purvey</u> v. To be in the business of supplying goods, especially food or provisions, for use. n. purveyor.</p>
<p><u>cetacean</u> n. A member of the order of marine mammals that includes whales, dolphins, and porpoises. adj. cetacean or cetaceous.</p>	<p><u>recourse</u> n. 1. A turning to someone or something for aid. 2. A source of help or support.</p>
<p><u>decry</u> v. To criticize strongly; to denounce.</p>	<p><u>replete</u> adj. Well supplied; full.</p>
<p><u>desuetude</u> n. A state of disuse or inactivity.</p>	<p><u>waive</u> v. To give up as a right; to forgo.</p>
<p><u>leviathan</u> n. Anything that is of enormous size.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 9

<p><u>apposite</u> adj. Highly relevant; apt.</p>	<p><u>infinitesimal</u> adj. Extremely small in size or quantity.</p>
<p><u>calumny</u> n. A false accusation meant to hurt someone's reputation; slander. adj. calumnious.</p>	<p><u>lateral</u> adj. Of, at, from, or towards the side.</p>
<p><u>domain</u> n. 1. An area or territory over which control is exercised. 2. A field of activity, knowledge, or concern.</p>	<p><u>primeval</u> adj. Of or relating to the earliest ages; primitive.</p>
<p><u>dorsal</u> adj. Of, on, or near the back of a creature.</p>	<p><u>quintessence</u> n. The best or most typical example. adj. quintessential.</p>
<p><u>enervate</u> v. To lessen the vigor or strength of; to enfeeble.</p>	<p><u>serrated</u> adj. Having a saw-toothed or notched edge.</p>
<p><u>epicure</u> n. One with discriminating taste, especially but not exclusively relating to food and drink.</p>	<p><u>veritable</u> adj. Being, in fact, the thing named or described; literally so. Often used to emphasize the aptness of a metaphor.</p>
<p><u>exculpate</u> v. To clear from alleged guilt or fault. adj. exculpatory.</p>	<p><u>viviparous</u> adj. Producing living young instead of eggs, in the manner of most mammals and some reptiles and fishes.</p>
<p><u>heterogeneous</u> adj. Differing in kind or parts; varied.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 10

<p><u>acumen</u> n. Keeness of the mind; shrewdness.</p>	<p><u>habitué</u> n. A person who regularly goes to a particular place.</p>
<p><u>apotheosis</u> n. 1. The elevation of a person or thing to divine status. 2. The highest point or best example.</p>	<p><u>nonplus</u> v. To cause to be at a loss as to what to say or do.</p>
<p><u>askew</u> adj. and adv. Turned or twisted to one side; out of line.</p>	<p><u>peripatetic</u> adj. Of or relating to going from place to place, especially on foot.</p>
<p><u>chasten</u> v. To correct or improve by disciplining; to cause to be more careful or restrained. chastening. adj. Having the effect of humbling or restraining.</p>	<p><u>prodigal</u> n. One who spends lavishly or wastefully. adj. prodigal.</p>
<p><u>demarcation</u> n. 1. The act or process of setting a boundary; the boundary itself. 2. Separation; distinction.</p>	<p><u>sycophant</u> n. One who uses flattery to win favor or to integrate him- or herself. adj. sycophantic.</p>
<p><u>dictum</u> n. A statement or pronouncement.</p>	<p><u>vacuous</u> adj. Lacking intelligence or ideas; intellectual emptiness.</p>
<p><u>erstwhile</u> adj. Of an earlier time; former.</p>	<p><u>wraith</u> n. A shadowy or ghostlike figure. adj. wraithlike.</p>
<p><u>forte</u> n. An activity at which a person excels.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 11

<p><u>cacophony</u> n. Harsh or jarring sound. adj. cacophonous.</p>	<p><u>obloquy</u> n. 1. An utterance of denunciation. 2. The condition of one who is held in contempt for a shameful action.</p>
<p><u>confrere</u> n. Comrade; colleague.</p>	<p><u>palpable</u> adj. Easy to touch or feel. 2. Easy to see, hear, or recognize; obvious.</p>
<p><u>convoke</u> v. To summon or call together for a meeting. n. convocation.</p>	<p><u>parity</u> n. Equality of rank or value.</p>
<p><u>filial</u> adj. Of, relating to, or befitting a son or daughter.</p>	<p><u>peruse</u> v. To read through something, either casually or closely.</p>
<p><u>fractious</u> adj. Tending to be troublesome; irritable.</p>	<p><u>polemic</u> n. 1. An argument to refute a position or opinion. 2. One who aggressively advocates a position. adj. polemical. n. polemicist.</p>
<p><u>fulminate</u> v. To express with denunciation, often in an explosive way. n. fulmination.</p>	<p><u>supplicate</u> v. To ask for humbly; to plead or beg. supplicant n. One who pleads. n. (supplication) A plea.</p>
<p><u>jocular</u> adj. Given to or characterized by joking; playful; jolly. n. jocularly.</p>	<p><u>temporize</u> v. To act evasively in order to achieve a compromise or to gain time.</p>
<p><u>nugatory</u> adj. Having no force or effect.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 12

<p><u>apprise</u> v. To make aware of; to inform.</p>	<p><u>inferno</u> n. Hell or a fiery place that seems like hell; a place of destruction or great suffering. adj. infernal.</p>
<p><u>beatific</u> adj. Marked by a joyful appearance; blissful.</p>	<p><u>lachrymose</u> adj. Tearful; tending to induce tears; melancholic.</p>
<p><u>cogent</u> adj. Forceful, to the point, and convincing.</p>	<p><u>morbid</u> adj. 1. Marked by gloomy or unwholesome thoughts. 2. Affected by or caused by disease.</p>
<p><u>colloquy</u> n. A conversation or dialogue, especially on a serious subject.</p>	<p><u>omniscient</u> adj. Aware of everything that is going on; all-knowing. n. omniscience.</p>
<p><u>deprave</u> v. To corrupt morally; to debase. n. depravity.</p>	<p><u>palliative</u> adj. Serving to make less painful or severe. n. palliative.</p>
<p><u>discrete</u> adj. Unconnected to other parts; separate and distinct.</p>	<p><u>preternatural</u> adj. Beyond what is normal or natural; incapable of being explained or understood.</p>
<p><u>efface</u> v. 1. To remove clear evidence of; to rub out or erase. 2. To make (oneself) inconspicuous.</p>	<p><u>salutary</u> adj. 1. Promoting a beneficial effect. 2. Healthful.</p>
<p><u>elucidate</u> v. To make clear by explanation; to clarify.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 13

<p><u>abut</u> v. To be next to; to border on.</p>	<p><u>foible</u> n. A small fault or weakness in a person's character.</p>
<p><u>adjure</u> v. 1. To command solemnly. 2. To advise sincerely.</p>	<p><u>insolvent</u> adj. Without the means to pay what is owed; bankrupt.</p>
<p><u>descry</u> v. To catch sight of a distant object after looking carefully; to detect or discover.</p>	<p><u>jocose</u> adj. Given to joking; humorous and playful.</p>
<p><u>desecrate</u> v. To misuse or violate something sacred. n. desecration.</p>	<p><u>portal</u> n. A door or entrance, especially one that is large and imposing.</p>
<p><u>dilettante</u> n. A person with only a superficial interest and slight knowledge of an art or other field of knowledge.</p>	<p><u>progenitor</u> n. A direct ancestor.</p>
<p><u>equivocal</u> adj. 1. Having more than one meaning or interpretation, usually intended to confuse. 2. Uncertain or undecided. equivocate v. To speak in a way that deliberately obscures one's position.</p>	<p><u>propitiate</u> v. To overcome distrust or hostility; to appease.</p>
<p><u>exhume</u> v. 1. To dig out of the ground. 2. To recover from neglect; to revive.</p>	<p><u>restitution</u> n. A paying back for what has been lost or damaged.</p>
<p><u>extirpate</u> v. To destroy completely; to wipe out.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 14

<p><u>acerbic</u> adj. 1 Bitter or sour to the taste. 2. Biting or stinging in tone; sarcastic.</p>	<p><u>narcissism</u> n. Excessive admiration of oneself. adj. narcissistic.</p>
<p><u>canard</u> n. A groundless report or story, often one made up deliberately to deceive.</p>	<p><u>overweening</u> adj. 1. Excessively proud. 2. Lacking restraint; immoderate.</p>
<p><u>debonair</u> adj. Elegant in appearance and charming in manner.</p>	<p><u>paean</u> n. A hymn of joy, praise, or appreciation.</p>
<p><u>deign</u> v. To lower oneself in one's own estimation; to condescend.</p>	<p><u>repartee</u> n. Conversation marked by quick and witty verbal exchanges.</p>
<p><u>dotage</u> n. Mental deterioration associated with advanced age.</p>	<p><u>repine</u> v. To express deep sadness or discontent; to long for something lost.</p>
<p><u>foist</u> v. To impose something unwanted or unneeded on an unwilling recipient.</p>	<p><u>sartorial</u> adj. Relating to clothing, especially tailored clothing.</p>
<p><u>insipid</u> adj. 1. Tasteless. 2. Lacking excitement; uninteresting.</p>	<p><u>svelte</u> adj. Slender and graceful; having sleek lines.</p>
<p><u>misconstrue</u> v. To misunderstand or misinterpret.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 15

<p><u>anachronism</u></p> <p>n. 1. The placing of some person or thing out of its proper historical place. 2. A person or thing that is or seems to be out of its proper time in history.</p>	<p><u>exigencies</u></p> <p>n. pl. Demands; requirements.</p>
<p><u>apiary</u></p> <p>n. A place where bees are raised for their honey.</p>	<p><u>fatalism</u></p> <p>n. The belief that fate determines everything and one cannot influence the outcome of particular events. adj. fatalistic.</p>
<p><u>archetype</u></p> <p>n. 1. The original model from which others are made or developed. 2. Patterns of myth and ritual that occur repeatedly in diverse cultures throughout time.</p>	<p><u>gustatory</u></p> <p>adj. Relating to the sense of taste.</p>
<p><u>carcinogen</u></p> <p>n. A substance that causes cancer. adj. carcinogenic.</p>	<p><u>minutiae</u></p> <p>n. pl. Small details.</p>
<p><u>checkered</u></p> <p>adj. Marked by frequent changes of situation; full of ups and downs.</p>	<p><u>motley</u></p> <p>adj. Composed of many different kinds or types; diverse.</p>
<p><u>cornucopia</u></p> <p>n. 1. A goat's horn, or a straw container shaped like it, filled with produce from the harvest; a horn of plenty. 2. An enormous store of something; an abundance.</p>	<p><u>prospectus</u></p> <p>n. A printed statement, given to potential buyers, describing a business or investment opportunity.</p>
<p><u>devolve</u></p> <p>v. To pass on or be passed on to.</p>	<p><u>vernal</u></p> <p>adj. Of or relating to the spring.</p>
<p><u>equitable</u></p> <p>adj. Fair to all concerned.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 16

<p><u>apocalyptic</u> adj. Involving or predicting disastrous, uncontrollable events.</p>	<p><u>insouciance</u> n. Freedom from concern; lighthearted lack of awareness. insouciant adj.</p>
<p><u>concatenation</u> n. A joining or linking together of elements.</p>	<p><u>minion</u> n. A slavish follower, attendant, or supporter.</p>
<p><u>convulse</u> v. To shake or cause to shake suddenly and violently. convulsion n. 1. An abnormal, strong, and uncontrollable muscle seizure. 2. A violent disturbance.</p>	<p><u>sanguinary</u> adj. 1. Involving much bloodshed or killing. 2. Bloodthirsty; cruel.</p>
<p><u>decree</u> n. An order or decision which, according to its author, must be obeyed. v. decree.</p>	<p><u>staccato</u> adj. Broken up into short, sharp bursts.</p>
<p><u>expatriate</u> n. One who leaves his or her country to live elsewhere. expatriate v.</p>	<p><u>sybaritic</u> adj. Marked by extravagant pleasure and luxury.</p>
<p><u>fetid</u> adj. Smelling very bad; stinking.</p>	<p><u>thespian</u> n. An actor or actress.</p>
<p><u>holocaust</u> n. 1. A catastrophic event resulting in widespread loss of life. 2. Widespread destruction caused by fire.</p>	<p><u>verisimilitude</u> n. The quality of appearing true; depicting realism.</p>
<p><u>infraction</u> n. A violation or breaking of a rule.</p>	

Vocabulary Words

Week 17

<p><u>abnegate</u> v. 1. To give up as a right or claim. 2. To deny or renounce.</p>	<p><u>milieu</u> n. A particular social or cultural environment in which events occur.</p>
<p><u>ancillary</u> adj. Subordinate; less important.</p>	<p><u>obstreperous</u> adj. Aggressively noisy or rude.</p>
<p><u>badinage</u> n. Light, playful conversation; banter.</p>	<p><u>paragon</u> n. A model of perfection.</p>
<p><u>bedizen</u> v. To dress or decorate in a showy or gaudy fashion.</p>	<p><u>perquisite</u> n. An extra benefit in addition to one's regular earnings.</p>
<p><u>celerity</u> n. Speed or promptness in acting or responding; rapidity of motion.</p>	<p><u>staid</u> adj. Lacking flamboyance; sedate; restrained.</p>
<p><u>cynosure</u> n. The center of attention.</p>	<p><u>symbiotic</u> adj. Mutually cooperative and beneficial. symbiosis n. Two unlike organisms living together in a close and beneficial way.</p>
<p><u>itinerary</u> n. 1. The course or the planned route of a journey. 2. A travel diary. 3. A traveler's guide.</p>	<p><u>tyro</u> n. A beginner in any field.</p>
<p><u>lissome</u> adj. Moving or bending easily; supple.</p>	

Vocabulary Words
Week 18

<p><u>abortive</u> adj. Failing in purpose; unsuccessful.</p>	<p><u>lassitude</u> n. A feeling of weariness; listlessness.</p>
<p><u>arrogate</u> v. To lay claim to without possessing the right to do so.</p>	<p><u>nadir</u> n. The lowest point.</p>
<p><u>cadaver</u> n. A dead animal or human body.</p>	<p><u>nuptials</u> n. A wedding ceremony. nuptial adj. Of or relating to a wedding.</p>
<p><u>cerebral</u> adj. 1. Relating to the brain or intellect. 2. Appealing to the intellect, as opposed to the emotions.</p>	<p><u>onus</u> n. Something that must be borne; a burden.</p>
<p><u>coma</u> n. A state of profound unconsciousness caused by disease or injury. comatose adj.</p>	<p><u>protocol</u> n. 1. A correct code of conduct; etiquette. 2. A standard procedure for a medical treatment or a scientific experiment.</p>
<p><u>consanguinity</u> n. A relationship derived from a common ancestor. consanguineous adj.</p>	<p><u>refractory</u> adj. 1. Failing to yield to treatment. 2. Hard to manage; unruly.</p>
<p><u>ghoul</u> n. A gruesome and revolting creature ghoulish adj. Showing a morbid interest in gruesome things.</p>	<p><u>sanguine</u> adj. 1. Of a healthy red color. 2. Cheerful and optimistic.</p>
<p><u>infringe</u> v. 1. To violate. 2. (used with "on" or "upon") To exceed the limits of; to encroach upon.</p>	